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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear-Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2001. As Applicants noted in their November 22, 2000 Response to the October 23, 2000 Office Action, Applicants believed, albeit mistakenly, that an amendment to independent claims 1 and 13 would place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants' mistaken belief was based upon their numerous interviews with Examiner Akers and Supervisory Examiner Millin and, as a result of their mistaken belief, Applicants did not present substantive argument in their November 22, 2000 Response. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "PTO") admit and, thereby, give full consideration to, this Amendment After Final and the declarations of Mr. Pool. Dr. Blasdel and Mr. Files referenced herein (which were filed by hand at the time of an interview with Messrs. Millin and Akers on April 18, 2001). Because good and sufficient reasons have been shown why these documents are necessary and not earlier presented, admission of this amendment and the referenced declarations